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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of
Kazuo TANAKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/964,863

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: September 28, 2001

Examiner: Wai-Sing Louie

For: TEMPERATURE CONTROLLING METHOD, THERMAL TREATING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Claims 1-5 and 7-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 7 are currently amended. Claim 6 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 8-17 are added. Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, and 16 are independent.